

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DUES AGAINST BROADCASTERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Doordarshan owe a whopping amount from the official broadcaster;
- (b) if so, the details of the broadcasters;
- (c) the amount due against respective broadcasters; and
- (d) the steps the Government propose to realise the due amount from them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): Doordarshan is the Television Wing of Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India), established by an Act of Parliament in 1990 and notified in September 1997. Doordarshan is the national statutory public service broadcaster. There is no question of Doordarshan owing a whopping amount to the official broadcaster. However, there are agencies, which owe money to Doordarshan, the statutory broadcaster.

(b) to (d): Do not arise.